

Remarks

Original Claims 1 to 82 remain pending in this application. Claims 1 to 52 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 53 to 82 remain pending in this office action. Applicants submit that only allowable claims remain pending and request the Examiner to reconsider the rejections based on the following:

Allowable Subject matter

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for allowing Claims 53 to 64 and Claims 78 to 82.

Consideration of Claims directed to a Different Species

Applicants further submit that Independent claim 53 is written in generic form and Claims 65 to 76 include all the limitations of the allowed generic claim 53 as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. Therefore, Applicants request consideration of Claim 65 to 76 which are written to include the limitations of generic allowable claim 53.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C 103(a)

Claims 1, 3, 4-8, 19, 20, 26 and 29 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wu et al. (U.S. Pat. 6,654,620) in view of Van Antwerp et al. (U.S. Pat. 6,011,984).

Claims 1, 3, 4-8, 19, 20, 26 and 29 have been cancelled without prejudice and therefore this rejection is rendered moot.

Claim 12 has been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wu et al. (U.S. Pat. 6,654,620) in view of Van Antwerp et al. (U.S. Pat. 6,011,984) and further in view of Simons (U.S. Pat. 5,227,040).

Claim 12 been cancelled without prejudice and therefore this rejection is rendered moot.

Claims 23-25 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wu et al. (U.S. Pat. 6,654,620) in view of Van Antwerp et al. (U.S. Pat. 6,011,984) and further in view of Shemwell et al. (U.S. Pat. 6,095,974) and Steffes (U.S. Pat. 6,442,410).

Claims 23-25 have been cancelled without prejudice and therefore this rejection is

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rendered moot.

Claims 27, 28 and 30 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wu et al. (U.S. Pat. 6,654,620) in view of Van Antwerp et al. (U.S. Pat. 6,011,984) and further in view of Yamashita et al. (U.S. Pat. 6,611,698).

Claims 27, 28 and 30 have been cancelled without prejudice and therefore this rejection is rendered moot.

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Conclusion

Applicants have filed a complete response to the outstanding office action and only allowable claims remain pending in this application. In view of the above, Applicants request the Examiner to withdraw all rejections. If a personal conversation will expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at 317-521-2851.

The Examiner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 02-2958 for any fees associated with the filing of this Amendment. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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